

**ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING**

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama Board of Nursing

**RULE NO. & TITLE:** Chapter 610-X-11, Graduate Scholarships

**INTENDED ACTION:** The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to enact a new chapter of regulations specific to graduate scholarships based on law passed in the 2012 regular legislative session.

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The Alabama Board of Nursing proposes to enact new Administrative Code, Chapter 11, Graduate Scholarships. A copy of the proposed new chapter may be found on the Board's web site, [www.abn.alabama.gov](http://www.abn.alabama.gov), under "laws" and then "proposed rule changes." The repeal is based on a change in the scholarship statute in the 2012 regular legislative session.

**TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:** Written or oral comments will be received by the Board of Nursing until 4:30 P.M. on Monday, February 4, 2013. Verbal or written comments be directed to N. Genell Lee, Executive Officer, at P.O. Box 303900, Montgomery, AL 36130-3900 or via electronic mail at [Genell.Lee@abn.alabama.gov](mailto:Genell.Lee@abn.alabama.gov) or via telephone at 334-293-5210.

**FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:**  
The record closes at 4:30 P.M. on Monday, February 4, 2013.

**CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:** N. Genell Lee, Executive Officer.

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**ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING  
CHAPTER 610-X-11 (NEW)  
GRADUATE NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS**

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**610-X-11-.01 Candidate Qualifications**

Applicants for graduate nursing scholarships shall:

- (1) Be a resident of the State of Alabama for at least one year preceding the time of making application for the graduate nursing scholarship.
- (2) Have an active, unencumbered license as a professional nurse in Alabama.
- (3) Be a person of good character.
- (4) Be accepted for an Alabama graduate program conducted by an accredited college or university.
- (5) Agree to practice professional nursing or become a nursing instructor in the State of Alabama for at least two years after completing the graduate degree. The scholarship recipient may apply to the Board of Nursing for a waiver from these requirements for extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the recipient.

**Author: Alabama Board of Nursing**

**Statutory Authority:** Act 2012-262

**History:** Proposed new rule filed December 17, 2012.

**610-X-11-.02 Scholarship Conditions**

- (1) Scholarships may be awarded for multiple years of graduate study.
- (2) The Board shall give preference to applicants pursuing a career in nursing education.
- (3) Each scholarship is limited to a maximum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
- (4) Scholarship recipients shall be selected from the State of Alabama at large, and to the extent practicable, distributed throughout the State.
- (5) The number of scholarships shall equal five percent of the total enrollment in graduate nursing programs in Alabama.
  - a. Each June Board staff will contact deans of Alabama graduate nursing programs to determine the total number of Alabama residents enrolled in graduate nursing programs.

b. The Board shall use the number of Alabama residents enrolled in graduate nursing programs to determine the number of scholarships to be awarded.

(6) Scholarship recipients are required to attend the specified graduate program for a minimum of six (6) academic hours for at least two consecutive semesters during the year of scholarship funding.

(7) Scholarship recipients shall notify the Board if any of the following conditions apply:

- a. Failure to complete the graduate nursing program when anticipated.
- b. Relocation.
- c. Employment following graduation from graduate nursing program.
- d. Failure to attend a minimum of six academic hours for at least two consecutive semesters during the year of scholarship funding.
- e. Withdrawal from graduate nursing program.
- f. Failure to maintain a "C" average in nursing courses.

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#### **610-X-11-.03 Application for Scholarship**

(1) An applicant for the graduate nursing scholarship shall submit a typed application by the deadline established by the Board.

(2) Incomplete applications may not be considered.

(3) The applicant for graduate nursing scholarship shall submit proof of:

- a. Residency.
- b. Acceptance in graduate nursing program in Alabama.

(4) Once awarded a scholarship, the applicant shall sign a promissory note for the total amount awarded.

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#### **610-X-11-.04 Failure to Satisfy Conditions of Scholarship**

(1) A scholarship recipient who fails to meet the conditions of the scholarship shall immediately repay the State Treasury in full any amount received.

(2) In the event of the scholarship recipient's death, any obligation to repay funds shall be cancelled.

(3) Should the scholarship recipient becomes physically or mentally impaired and is unable to complete a graduate degree in nursing or fulfill the post-scholarship service requirement, the obligation to repay funds shall be cancelled.

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#### **610-X-11-.05 Payment of Scholarship Funds**

(1) Payments to the scholarship recipient shall be made semi-annually.

(2) The first payment shall be after January 1 of the year of funding, provided the recipient submitted documentation to prove six hours of academic study and a minimum of a "C" average.

(3) The second payment shall be made after July 1 of the year of funding, provided the recipient submitted documentation to prove six hours of academic study in two consecutive semesters and a minimum of a "C" average.

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